



***Buda - The Outdoor Capital of Texas. Buda is the place to be in Central Texas. Located just South of Austin on I35, this once quiet railroad community is becoming one of the fastest growing communities in Central Texas. However, we are working hard to retain that rural atmosphere characteristic of our Heritage - Bobby Lane, Mayor.***

**Regional Information**

15 miles south of Austin on IH35

**Education**

Located in North central Hays County, the Hays Consolidated Independent School District serves over 209 square miles. Parts of the district extend into southeastern Travis County and into western Caldwell County. The district currently has 17 campuses.

Hays CISD: A Place Where Ideas Grow .....Hays CISD believes in the total development and uniqueness of each student, that each student can reach higher levels when challenged and motivated, that each student can be successful if given appropriate amounts of time and a variety of teaching strategies to match individual student’s learning styles, that learning is a lifelong process and that learning occurs best in a safe, supportive environment.

The enrollment throughout this school year has flirted with 13,000 students, an increase of more than 1,000 students from this time last year. The 17 campuses are humming with activity, projects and most of all, learning. Hays CISD provides students with the necessary skills to be successful after graduation and to become responsible, productive, and informed citizens.

**Recreation**

The goal of Buda’s Parks and Recreation Department is to greatly enhance the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of Buda, thereby ensuring that Buda remains a great place to live, work, visit, and raise a family. There are currently 4 city-owned parks available to the public:

Buda City Park - Buda City Park is located on 6.3 acres on the corner of N. Loop 4 and San Antonio Rd. It consists of a pavilion, basketball court, playscape, and picnic tables. There is ample open space available for football and baseball.

Bradfield Park - Bradfield Park is located on 25 acres in the Bradfield Subdivision off N. Loop 4. This park includes a pond, playscape, picnic tables and benches.

Bonita Vista Park - Bonita Vista Park sits on 2 acres in the Bonita Vista Neighborhood off of Goforth Rd. This park has a playscape, benches and a picnic table.

Stoneridge Park - The Stoneridge Park is located in the Stoneridge Sub-division on the east side of IH35 and the frontage road

Cullen Country Hike & Bike Trail - The Cullen Country hike and bike trail wind through 12 acres of beautiful Texas scenery in the Cullen Country neighborhood.

Gazebo - Downtown - The Gazebo is located in downtown Buda along the greenbelt.

The City Parks and Recreation Department also sponsors Toons and Tunes Summer Concert Series. A family-friendly weekly schedule of free music and movies in the park.

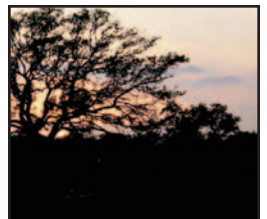
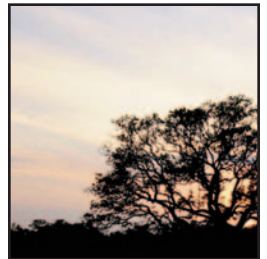
**Quality of Life**

Buda is a relaxing, friendly town and a great place to live, work, and visit. Folks in Buda enjoy the advantages of near-by Austin, being about 15 - 20 minutes from downtown Austin, while celebrating the tranquility and high quality of life of a small hometown.

With both a rich historical heritage and quality, well planned growth, Buda combines the best of the past, the present, and the future!

**Business Overview**

Northern Hays County & specifically the Buda area have experienced record business & population growth the past couple of years. This growth is being guided to preserve the quality of life that is enjoyed & cherished in Buda. Our location along the IH 35 corridor between Austin and San Antonio makes us a desirable community for those looking for a home, a business venture, a development opportunity. Also the completion of the new Seton Hospital in neighboring Kyle, Texas will provide thousands of professional opportunities for people in the area in late 2009.



# Buda Events & Attractions:

## Events

### Buda Lions Club Country Fair & Cookoff

April 26 & 27, 2008

This annual country fair has become an extremely popular spring event, which begins with Pet Parade, followed by the now nationally known "Wiener Dog Races". There will be qualifying races on Saturday and Sunday, culminating in the run for the roses Sunday afternoon. Participants come from all over the country for this exciting event. Once again, the Lions will sponsor a BBQ Cookoff and Tolbert sanctioned Chili Cookoff on Saturday. The Chili Cookers compete for points that qualify them for the world famous Terlingua International Chili Championship. There is live entertainment throughout the weekend, along with food, arts, & craft vendors. For more information, visit the Lions Club website.

**Parish Festival** Santa Cruz Catholic Church, 1100 Main Street  
June 27th through 29th, 2008 - Music: Country, Tejano

Parish Festival is a benefit for the continued construction of the new Santa Cruz Church in Buda, TX. The weekend Festivities features live music, Arts and Crafts Vendors, Washer Tournament, Watermelon Eating Contest, El Grito and Jalapeno Eating Contest, 2nd ANNUAL TEXAS Hold'em Tournament, Games, Rides, Food, and a Raffle. Friday kicks off at 5pm: Activities conclude starting at 4PM till 11:00pm with "The Texas Wranglers" followed by GRAMMY AWARD WINNER "Little Joe Y La Familia" with Special Guest "Rocky Hernandez". Please note that a grand prize consisting of a 2008 Ford Sportsrac will be raffled of at 8 pm Sunday evening along with 7 other items.

### Red White & Buda

July 4, 2008, dark-time - fireworks celebration in the park

Red White and Buda is an Independence Day celebration of our nation's birth. July 4th will be celebrated with a fireworks display and patriotic recorded music in the park. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic supper, watch the fireworks and visit with neighbors. Sponsored by Buda Area Chamber of Commerce. We hope you will plan to attend. Call 512.295.9999 for more information.

### Fine Arts Festival

October 4 & 5, 2008, Saturday, 10am - 6pm & Sunday, 10am - 4pm

The Buda Fine Arts Festival (BFAF) is a juried show on the greenbelt in Buda, Texas, rain or shine. Artists showcase their work in downtown Buda "under the Big Top". (A 70' by 150' tent.) This is a juried show and all accepted artists also participate in "Art After Dark", a gala event held on Friday, October 4, 2008 at 7pm. The tickets for this event will be \$25.00 pre advance purchase or \$35.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Renee Hill at 512/295-7496 or by sending a request to PO Box 1050, Buda, TX 78610. This event features food, wine and live music and serves as the festival kickoff. Selling of art is available at "Art After Dark". Watch local newspapers for more information. Contact: Ginny Harlow, ph.512.295.3015, email: ginyharlow@austin.rr.com

### BudaFest

December 6 & 7, 2008

The first weekend in December has meant one thing in Buda for over 20 years. Budafest! The festival kicks off on Saturday morning at 10:00am with a parade. You'll see local celebrities, march-

ing bands, homemade floats pulled on flatbed trailers behind pickup trucks, veterans groups - all following the flag in a joyful procession down Main Street.

The greenbelt by the library in downtown Buda fills up with more than 125 artisans selling handcrafted items of every type - jewelry, candles, holiday decorations, salsas, woodcrafts, pottery, and soaps - to name but a few. Local churches and youth organizations sell many different kinds of food - from fajitas and tamales to baked potatoes and turkey legs.

Entertainment is a big part of Budafest. The stage by the gazebo showcases performance throughout each day; country & pop singers, young ballet dancers, puppet theater, choirs, fiddlers, and guitarists. Children can visit with Santa Claus and get their picture taken with him. A full carnival with rides and games sets up across the street at the city park, offering something for everyone from the little toddler to the fearless daredevil. Visitors can try their luck at games of skill while munching on popcorn or cotton candy. The festival runs from 10:00am until 5:00pm, Saturday and Sunday on the first weekend in December. There is ample street parking as well as a shuttle bus from outlying parking lots. We hope you plan to attend.

## Attractions

### Historic Main Street

Historic Downtown Buda is home to Antique Row, a collection of stores and businesses catering to those hunters of the fine antiques to the "what is that" and items ranging from the eclectic to the elegant can be found insuring that visitors to the area will not be disappointed in their treasure hunting.

### Carrington House/Gazebo & Buda Park

As you cross over the railroad tracks into downtown Buda, you will see the Buda Park and Pavilion used for public gatherings and concerts. The Gazebo is the centerpiece of the greenbelt that is home to local festivals including BudaFest (early December). Across the street the Carrington House, once was a hotel and cafe for train passengers, is now an office building and demonstrates our community's commitment to preserve our past while looking to the future.

### Old Stagecoach Property & Post Office

Located on North Loop 4 as you come into town from Austin, visitors can see the original Post Office built in the late 1800's. Currently the Post Office is part of a 50-acre park under renovation by the City of Buda and public-private partnerships that will become the centerpiece for welcoming guests to our area. Once completed, the park will include an Amphitheatre and Visitor Center with incredible views of the classic Hill Country scene on picturesque Onion Creek.

### Jardine Foods

Located next to the Old Stagecoach Property, Jardine Foods is one of the premier specialty food makers in the State of Texas. The tasting room offers visitors a unique look of that which is truly Texan -- no sissy stuff here! Gift baskets filled with steak sauce, chips and one of the largest assortments of Texas Salsas can be purchased and shipped anywhere in the world. [www.JardineFoods.com](http://www.JardineFoods.com)

### Cabela's

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